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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H. *J. Fielding*
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SUBJECT: **RESULTS OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR HIV/AIDS CORE MEDICAL CARE SERVICES IN SPAs 2 THROUGH 8**

This is to notify you that the Department of Public Health (DPH) will be forwarding final funding recommendations from the Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) for the purchase of core human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) medical outpatient (MOP) services in Service Planning Areas (SPAs) 2 through 8 resulting from a request for proposals.

DHSP received a total of 19 proposals in response to Category One: HIV Core Medical Outpatient Services in Community-Based Organizations. The proposals included submissions from all of the currently-funded community-based HIV MOP providers, as well as from four new providers. All the proposals received are being recommended for funding.

The total recommended funding for the 31-month period (August 1, 2012 through February 28, 2015) for the 19 new agreements is \$35,748,942, which supports 108,291 medical visits at a fee-for-service base rate of \$330.12 per visit. Funding recommendations are based on estimates from the providers' own data on the number of patients who will be eligible for Ryan White-funded medical services following the migration of patients who will be eligible for the new low-income health plan, Healthy Way LA (HWLA). The Ryan White program provides funds for the provision of HIV care and treatment services for low-income residents of Los Angeles County who do not qualify for services supported by other funding.

In addition, DPH will recommend that all 19 recommended agencies receive funding to support medical care coordination (MCC) services, consistent with the standards and allocations developed by the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV, for ancillary wrap-around services that support linkage to and retention in HIV medical care. The total recommended funding for the 19 new MCC agreements for the 31-month period is \$24,369,003.

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In order to support optimal linkage and retention in medical care and promote improved health of Los Angeles County residents living with HIV, DPH will align medical care and MCC services on-site at each funded medical clinic. Additionally, all of the agencies recommended for funding are participants in the HWLA program, which will minimize the need for patients to move from their current medical providers and support the creation of patient-centered medical homes.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please let me know.

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